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	FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
2	EASTERN DIVISION
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Page 478 1 Yes, sir. Α. 2. Ο. On or about September 27, 2006, February 7, 2007, and December 27, 2007, DEA's 3 deputy assistant administrator, office of 4 5 diversion control, sent letters to every entity in the U.S. that was registered with DEA to 6 7 manufacture or distribute controlled substances including McKesson. Those are called the DEA 8 9 letters. 10 Do you see that? 11 Yes, sir. Α. 12 Now, this DEA deputy administrator, Q. 13 assistant administrator, office of diversion 14 control, that is you, isn't it? 15 Α. Back then, yes. 16 MR. EPPICH: I will object. 17 MR. LANIER: I'm sorry. 18 MR. EPPICH: My objection is, you 19 are writing his name before he even responds to 20 the question. 21 BY MR. LANIER: 2.2 Q. That is you, Joe Rannazzisi, isn't 23 it? 2.4 Α. Yes, sir. 2.5 Q. Did your answer change on whether or

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MR. BENNETT: Objection. Vaque.

THE WITNESS: I don't know if it necessarily presents a problem. I would hope that those former employees are trying to guide or help guide the -- the particular registrants through what their requirements are and what their obligations are.

BY MR. LANIER:

Ο. If a company is confused about the law, should they just keep selling the opioids in the midst of their confusion?

MR. EPPICH: Objection.

THE WITNESS: The company has -- all the companies, all the registrants have many avenues to try and get their -- their questions answered, through the local DEA offices, the headquarters has a liaison and policy section and that liaison and policy section, their sole job is to provide quidance to the distributors.

We have on-site people, on-site people who go in to do inspections at the -- at the distributors and they can ask those people.

BY MR. LANIER:

0. Would you tell me --MS. McCLURE: Counsel, are you

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Page 505 1 representing what is up on the board --2. MR. LANIER: I'm clarifying. No, I'm about --3 I'm not. MS. McCLURE: -- that the witness 4 5 has not actually stated in advance of him 6 suggesting that, so I also object to the fact 7 that your writing tends to be leading. BY MR. LANIER: 8 9 Ο. Sir, if you will look at my writing and excuse the interruption for a moment. 10 11 My question to you is: If they are 12 confused, should they stop selling until their 13 questions are answered? 14 MS. MAINIGI: Objection. Scope. 15 BY MR. LANIER: 16 Yes or no? Q. 17 MS. MAINIGI: Foundation. Form. 18 MR. BENNETT: Objection. Incomplete 19 hypothetical. 20 MS. MAINIGI: Vague. 21 THE WITNESS: If they are confused 2.2 and they're -- and they -- and they continue to sell in the midst of their confusion, no, they 23 24 shouldn't be selling. 2.5 BY MR. LANIER:

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wouldn't be in a position of having to do that if you would simply let the witness -- you ask the question with the witness supplying the answer rather than supplying them for him.

MR. LANIER: With due respect to the way you are reciting the record here, I am able to write down questions that I'm going to be asking, as well as questions that I have asked and if I am doing that and I'm covering it up, that's a fine thing to do.

And if there is a question that's down here that is not one that he agrees with, he will make it clear. You all will make it clear, you will have this, so I want to make sure you are clear on that.

MS. McCLURE: Special Master Cohen,
I request a instruction given to counsel to
advise him to stop writing on a sheet that is
visible to the screen, to the jury, to
counsels' room, and most importantly especially
to the witness in advance of the witness
providing that testimony.

SPECIAL MASTER COHEN: So you can do what you are doing at the risk of it being not allowed in a trial.

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I, Bonnie L. Russo, the officer before whom the foregoing deposition was taken, do hereby certify that the witness whose testimony appears in the foregoing deposition was duly sworn by me; that the testimony of said witness was taken by me in shorthand and thereafter reduced to computerized transcription under my direction; that said deposition is a true record of the testimony given by said witness; that I am neither counsel for, related to, nor employed by any of the parties to the action in which this deposition was taken; and further, that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the parties hereto, nor financially or otherwise interested in the outcome of the action.

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